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* OBJECTIVES

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The overall objective of the project is to extend the previously obtained results on nondeteriorating numerical integration of, and lacunae-based artificial boundary conditions (ABCs) for, the scalar 3D wave equation, to the case of vector wave-type models (i.e., systems of equations), with the primary emphasis on the Maxwell's equations. This includes:

- 1. Identifying the lacunae (areas of zero solution behind sharp aft fronts of the waves) of a given hyperbolic system (Maxwell's equations).
- 2. Constructing a lacunae-based non-deteriorating algorithm for the long-term numerical integration of the corresponding system, proving its temporally uniform grid convergence, and demonstrating it experimentally.
- 3. Constructing the lacunae-based ABCs and experimentally studying their performance for a variety of cases.

* STATUS OF EFFORT

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* ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NEW FINDINGS

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The structure of lacunae in the solutions of the Maxwell's equations driven by compactly supported sources has been analyzed for the case of the propagation of electromagnetic waves in vacuum. Similar analysis has been conducted for the linearized Euler's equations that govern the propagation of acoustic waves. In either case, the sources of waves can engage in an accelerated motion.

In general, the phenomenon of lacunae, or propagation with no after effects, is known to take place only when the number of space dimensions is odd. There are additional, rather subtle, conditions that tell between the sharp aft fronts and the diffused ones. Altogether, the diffusive propagation is common and lacunae are rare. However, for the two aforementioned systems, Maxwell and acoustics, they do exist, provided that the source terms satisfy some constraints. The latter have been studies thoroughly and found not overly restrictive but not limitation-free either, like in the case of the scalar d'Alembert equation.

Lacunae-based numerical algorithms have been designed for the long-term integration of the foregoing systems of equations driven by continuously operating compact sources. The key property of these methods is temporally uniform grid convergence; it has been proven theoretically. In practice, it provides for no deterioration in the solution quality over arbitrary long time intervals.

Lacunae-based ABCs have been constructed and implemented for systems. The key difference compared to the scalar case is that the auxiliary sources (right-hand sides) used for this construction must satisfy certain constraints that enable the presence of lacunae. In particular, for the Maxwell's system, the corresponding auxiliary currents must be divergence-free. Existence of such currents in a general setting is, in fact, an independent important issue that requires attention, see below. Performance of the lacunae-based ABCs was tested experimentally; the design convergence rate of the algorithm has actually been demonstrated over long time intervals.

In the meantime, all the codes used in the simulations employ cylindrical symmetry. This still allows one to capture the essential three-dimensional effects by means of relatively inexpensive computations with only two independent spatial variables.

Lacunae-based ABCs guarantee the complete transparency of the outer boundary for all the outgoing waves.

They are obtained directly for the discrete approximation of the original continuous problem, and can be used with any finite-difference scheme.

The extent of temporal nonlocality of these genuinely time-dependent ABCs is fixed and limited.

The ABCs can handle curvilinear boundaries on regular Cartesian grids with no adaptation required.

The ABCs allow for an accelerated motion of the sources of waves, a capability that, to the best of the PI's knowledge, has not been attained previously.

It has also been determined that in a number of specially designed "harsh" test cases, when the quality of the discrete lacunae was intentionally made suboptimal, the performance of the ABCs, although deteriorated in a predictable way, was much better on finer grids than on coarse grids. To some extent this observation is counterintuitive, because a typical instability would rather manifest itself by a rapid deterioration of the solution when the grid is refined. As of yet, only a qualitative explanation of this phenomenon can be offered, rather than a rigorous theoretical insight. This will be a subject for the future study.

Perhaps, one of the most important general findings in the course of this project is that compared to the scalar case, design of the lacunae-based methods for systems brings about a number of issues to be addressed. First and foremost, those have to do with making sure that the lacunae (i.e., sharp aft fronts of the waves) do exist in the solutions of interest. For the vital case of the 3D Maxwell's system, an obstacle is presented by the necessary continuity requirement that its source terms (currents and charges) must satisfy.



Recently, a fundamental general result has been proven on existence of the special auxiliary sources for the Maxwell system (solenoidal currents) that would satisfy the continuity equation identically. Its proof employs Whitney-type extensions. In the aforementioned computer implementations of the lacunae-based ABCs for the Maxwell's equations, the required solenoidal currents were obtained under some specific assumptions with the help of the vector potential. A constructive universal procedure for obtaining those solenoidal auxiliary currents has also been introduced most recently and implemented in the code. It is based on Taylor expansions. The corresponding results are to be reported in a forthcoming publication.

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"Long-Term Numerical Solution of Unsteady Wave Propagation Problems," presented at 2002 AFOSR Electromagnetics Conference, San Antonio, TX, January 2002.

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